

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Central State Hospital
26317 W. Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Building 113 – Main Conference Room
August 6, 2014
7:00pm

Attendance: Liesl Lipford, Chair; Hannibal Tuck Vice-Chair; Isabel Vartainien, Member; Barbara Davis, Member

Guests: Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development; Walter Small, Human Rights Advocate; Terri Langster, Patient Relations and Staff Development; Ronald Forbes, Hospital Medical Director; Vicki Montgomery, Hospital Director; Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate; Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate

Absent: Marco Thomas, Member

I. Call to Order – Introductions

II. Minutes of July 2014 Meeting

Action: The committee approved the meeting minutes from the July 2, 2014 meeting.

III. Public Comment: Mr. B.F. requested to make a public comment, he stated:

“Advocate Mr. W.S. would not file a petition on his behalf in regards to a violation of my rights occurring on June 20, 2014. I was administered forcible medication.” Mr. BF contended he was advised, this concern was investigated in accordance with the Human Rights Regulations abuse and neglect investigation process and therefore unable to file a petition for fact finding. Mr. B.F. stated that this violates 12VAC35-115-50,D.3., et seq. which provides the right to a fact finding hearing through LHRC.. Mr. B.F. contends he has the right to file a petition to the LHRC for this issue. Mr. B.F. respectfully requested the committee to reconsider their decision and to hear the petition consistent with 12VAC35-115-50, D.3., et seq.

The LHRC advised Mr. B.F. he would be receiving the committee’s final decisions in writing.

IV. New Business

A. Monthly Variance Report for July 2014– Presented by Jennifer Barker on behalf of James Bell, Director, Forensic Services.

Action: The Committee approved a motion to accept the monthly variance reported by Ms. Barker on behalf of Mr. Bell for July 2014 concerning the four forensic variances. The Committee has also

asked for the historical factors that led to the hospital requiring a variance and an explanation of the variances and how they impact the patients. Captain Carmichael provided the LHRC with a forensic demonstration of a pat down. Further, the Captain provided the committee with examples of items that were identified in our forensic units validating the continued need for Hospital Variances. A detailed explanation of variances was provided to members.

(Executive Session)

The committee approved a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 (A), Paragraph 15, for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to business.

The following subject matters were discussed in Executive Session:

Monthly Abuse Summaries – June 2014

Formal Human Rights Complaints – July 2014

Spit Guard Usage – July 2014

(Return to Open Session)

Upon reconvening into open session, the Central State Hospital Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

- B. Monthly Abuse Summary: June 2014 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Action: The Committee approved the abuse data report presented by Ms. Barker for June 2014.

- C. Formal Human Rights Complaints – July 2014 – Presented by Jennifer Barker, Director of Patient Relations and Staff Development

Action: The Committee approved the report presented by Ms. Barker for July 2014.

- D. Seclusion and Restraint Data Summary; Comparisons of S/R Incidents and Totals for June 2014 ~ Presented by Vicki Montgomery, Director Central State Hospital

Action: The Committee accepted the Seclusion and Restraint data report presented by Ms. Montgomery for June 2014.

- E. Spit Guard Usage for July 2014– Presented by Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate.

- There was no spit guard usage for the month of July.

Action: The Committee accepted the Spit Guard Usage report presented by Ms. Goldman for July 2014.

V. Old Business:

VI. LHRC Follow up: None

VII. Director's Comments: Ms. Montgomery spoke of the importance of maintaining a secure environment and following security protocols within the Forensic Building. As the Committee has been having an increasing number of fact finding conferences held within the secure parameter. Ms. Montgomery provided the committee members with written guidelines to be considered in preparing for meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 3, 2014 – Building 113 – Main Conference Room.